I would like to say, Madam, the other States have imposed total prohibition like Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and some of the North-Eastern States. I would like to know what the base years are for Gujarat. What are the projections? How much has been paid to Gujarat? What is the base year for Tamil Nadu? How much has been paid to Tamil Nadu as a result of the projection? What about the North-Eastern States?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Madam Deputy Chairman, regarding the excise projections, I mean the estimates for 1995-96, Gujarat takes credit for only Rs. 22.26 crores. ...(*Interruptions*) ...Because of the prohibition in Gujarat, the Tenth Finance Commission took credit... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Gujarat has imposed total prohibition.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: That is why they have taken the excise revenue only at Rs. 22.26 crores. That is clear. Because of prohibition, there is very little revenue accruing to the State from excise.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: They are losing because they have enforced prohibition. If they have not enforced it, they could have earned a hundred crores of rupees.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: This is precisely what I am saying. It is because of the prohibition, that the State gets very little money from the State excise. The total amount that has been taken credit in State taxes for 1995-96 is only Rs. 22.26 crores for Gujarat, whereas for Andhra Pradesh, it is Rs. 364.94 crores because of partial prohibition.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: They are getting more grants. ...(*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

National policy for power generation from hydel and non-onventional energy sources

*644. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Policy for hydro-power and power from non-conventional energy sources;

(b) if so, the present status of the new policy and the time schedule for its implementation;

(c) the project-wise details of foreign investment in power sector and reasons for delay in their execution;

(d) the details of the proposed outlay for schemes under hydro-power and non-conventional energy sources during the Eighth Plan Period, State-wise; and

(e) the status of the main hydro-electric projects, project-wise and reasons for the delay resulting in cost escalation and the steps taken for timely execution of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) No new policy for hydro power has been formulated. However, with a view to encouraging greater participation of private sector in hydro power generation, certain incentives have been allowed for hydro projects which are commissioned after 1-1-1997. These include incentives for higher machine availability and for secondary energy. There is hydrology protection for initial seven years besides higher operation and maintenance provisions. Besides, provision has been made for availing advance against depreciation with a view to meeting the debt service requirements of the project promoters.

In order to realise the full potential of renewable energy sources by systematic

and sustained measures, Government propose to formulate a comprehensive renewable energy policy which will help to create awareness, foster technology development and demonstration, accelerate commercialisation, as also help promote local production, employment opportunities and an effective delivery mechanism or greater deployment of renewable energy systems and devices.

(c) Foreign Companies have shown interest in setting up 45 power projects. The details are at Annex. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 146) It normally taken time to obtain all statutory and non-statutory clearances before a power project is set up. The Government of India has been extending all possible assistance to the State authorities|organisations for speedy implementation of these projects.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 1904.09 crores has been proposed in the VIII Five Year Plan for hydro power schemes. The break up of these for the Central Sector and the State Sector is also shown in the above Annex. The details of outlay and physical target or Non-Conventional Energy Sources proposed in the VIII Five Year Plan are also given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 146)

(e) 36 hydro-electric projects (above 100 MW capacity) are sancitoned| ongoing. Their present status of implementation is indicated in Annex. IV. The progress of implementation of projects is regularly monitored at various levels and corrective steps taken for ensuring timely completion.

Amount spent on advertisements

*665. SHRI MOH2AMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by various Ministries|Departments on advertisements given to newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1994-95, Ministry-wise and language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO). During the year 1994-95 DAVP released advertisements amounting to Rs. 27,43,36,136|- on behalf of various Ministries |Deptts. including Autonomous Bodies and Public Sector Undertakings. Ministry wise|Deptt-wise break-up of expenditure committee and language-wise break up is given in the Annexure. (See Appndix 173, Annexure No. 147)

Voluntary retirement by supervisory staff of SBI

*668. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of supervisory staff of the State Bank of India, Local Head Office, New Delhi have sought voluntary retirement for different reasons including attractive offers from private sector banks;

(b) if so whether Government have enquired into the reasons for a large number of requests for voluntary retirement and how many officers in each scale, from scale one to scale five and above have sought voluntary retirement during the last two years and how many such requests are still pending with the bank; and

(c) how Government propose to avoid such situations in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that of its total strength of officers in the New Delhi Circle during the period May, 1993 to April, 1995, 102 requests for voluntary retirement|resignation from officers in Scales I and above of the Circle have been acceded to by it. 18 such requests recently received by the bank are under process with it. Of the above 102 requests, 39 were on health grounds, 43 on personal grounds, 12 for joining other banks and 8 for joining